

Westminster Presbyterian Church

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 22, 2023

10:30 A.M.

WE GATHER TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prelude Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring, from Cantata BWV 147 J. S. Bach

Westminster Chimes

Words of Welcome

Introit Arise, Shine, for Thy Light is Come E. J Hopkins

✠Call to Worship

One: We come to praise your Holy Name, O God Most High.

All: We come with hearts and minds that are open to your Word.

One: Remind us as we worship, O God, of Jesus' words: "Wherever two or more are gathered in my name, there I am in the midst of them."

All: We are gathered in Jesus' Name to worship the only God of all creation. Let us worship God in the power of the Holy Spirit. May our love for others grow stronger as we praise God with all our heart, mind, and strength. AMEN.

✠Hymn "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" # 611

✠Opening Prayer

Call to Confession:

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Most Holy and merciful God, we come once again into your presence. We acknowledge that we have not loved you with our whole hearts and that we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Pour your grace and forgiveness upon us so that we might turn to you with all our heart, mind, and spirit. Show us your amazing grace. Renew our resolve to seek first your Kingdom and righteousness before we seek any human thing. We are your children, Lord. Cleanse our hearts and minds in the way of love we see clearly in your Son, Jesus, who laid down his life for us on the cross. Give us this same willingness to lay down our lives in love for you and for the people you put in our paths, for Jesus' sake. AMEN.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

One: Friends, hear and believe the good news, in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

All: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

✠Congregational Response

GLORIA PATRI

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.**

✠Passing of the Peace

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also, with you**

Please pass the peace to each other, greeting one another in Christ's name.

Hymn of Preparation "You Are My Strength When I Am Weak"

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Time with our Children and Youth

GOD'S WORD IS READ AND PROCLAIMED

Prayer for Illumination

A Responsive Reading from Psalm 27

One: The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

All: **When evildoers assail me to devour my flesh – my adversaries and foes – they shall stumble and fall. Though an army encamps against me, my heart shall not fear; though war rises against me, I will be confident.**

One: One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: to live in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in God's temple.

All: **For God will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; God will conceal me under the cover of his tent; God will set me high on a rock.**

One: Now my head is lifted above my enemies all around me, and I will offer sacrifices in God's tent with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the LORD.

All: Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me! “Come,” my heart says, “seek God’s face!” Your face, LORD, do I seek. Do not hide your face from me.

One: Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help. Do not cast me off, do not forsake me, O God of my salvation! Even if my father and mother forsake me, the LORD will take me up.

All: Teach me your way, O Lord, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies. Do not give me up to the will of my adversaries, for false witnesses have risen against me, and they are breathing out violence.

One: I believe that I shall see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.

All: Wait for the LORD; be strong and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Old Testament Scripture Reading Isaiah 9:2

New Testament Gospel Reading Matthew 4:12-23

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

The Message

“Moving Forward, Even in Adversity”

Rev. Dr. John Blacklock

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

✠Hymn

“There Is a Redeemer”

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✠Affirmation of Faith “The Apostles’ Creed” (p. 35 in the Glory to God Hymnal)

Opportunities for Mission and Ministry

Offering Our Gifts to God – You may place your offering in the box in the narthex or at the front of the church, or give through Venmo @West-Presby.

Anthem

“Come Follow Me”

F. Frehner

Sharing Joys and Concerns

One: Lord, in your mercy.

All: **Hear our prayer.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

WE BEAR GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

✠Hymn	"I Love to Tell the Story"	#462
✠Benediction		
✠Choral Blessing	"Amen", from <i>Ave Maria</i>	G. Caccini
Postlude	Prelude in C Minor	J. S. Bach

When our worship is over, our service begins

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher:	Dr. Rev. John Blacklock	Sound Technician:	Bill Vilbig
Worship Leader:	Ann McCullough	Livestream:	Leiza McArter
Music Director/Organist:	Duilio Dobrin		

Cantors: Kalli Hansen, Anna Peeples, Da'On Boulanger-Chatman, Stephen Bolduc

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

JANUARY 22, 2023

WELCOME VISITORS

We welcome you to our family of faith! Let us know of your attendance by filling out one of our visitor cards found at the end of each pew. After worship, please join us in Fellowship Hall for coffee and conversation. We'd like to get to know you, whether you are just visiting or looking for a church home.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Jan 22 Session Meeting/Retreat after worship (lunch included)
- Jan 24 Book Club meets in the Parlor (10:30AM-Noon). The book we'll be discussing is "Cutting for Stone" by Abraham Verghese.
- Feb 04 Serving breakfast at the Second Chance Café at The Bridge
- Feb 11 Allegro Guitar Society presents Pepe Romero performing at 7:30 PM at St. Monica Catholic Church
- Feb 18 Serving evening meal at Austin Street Center

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

The WPC Adult Sunday School class began a new study of the book of Revelations on 1-15-23. This will be a good time for any new friends to join the class, and it's not too late! We meet in the church parlor from 9:30 to 10:15 each Sunday morning. Pastor John leads the group, and we all participate, ask questions, and discuss. Come join us.

STEWARDSHIP

For those who are planning to make a commitment and have not already done so, kindly return your pledge card or provide feedback to Dan Stoyak in the church office as soon as possible to help facilitate the 2023 budgeting process. Thank you for considering a gift of your time, talent, and/or resources to support our common mission at Westminster.

WESTMINSTER CHOIR

Welcome back, Duilio Dobrin, who returns as Music Director and Organist today! Rehearsals are held on Wednesdays at 7:00 PM and Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM. Need help learning how to sing? We will teach you. Contact Duilio at DDobrin@me.com.

ONLINE GIVING IS AVAILABLE

Westminster welcomes your continued support. Checks can be sent to Westminster Presbyterian Church, 8200 Devonshire Dr, Dallas, TX 75209 or give online through Venmo (our username is West-Presby and the last four digits, if requested, are 5290). If you have questions or need help, contact Dan Stoyak in the business office at dans@wpcd.org or 214-351-3251.



THE BRIDGE

Westminster provides volunteers to serve breakfast at the Stewpot's Second Chance Café at the Bridge in Downtown Dallas on the first Saturday of each month at 7:00 AM. Mike Stanley sends out a reminder via email. If you have any questions and/or wish to volunteer, please contact him at 817-724-7430 or mike@colbystanley.com.

ADULT CAREGIVER'S DAY OUT

In partnership with our neighbors in Devonshire, Westminster has launched a "Caregivers Day Out" program at the church. The program's goal is to provide adults with early-stage Alzheimer's or related dementias a regular opportunity for socialization, exercise, music, and other brain-stimulating activities; and to offer their caregivers much-needed time to attend to their own needs with the assurance that their loved one is safe and cared for. The program will happen on the first and third Thursdays of the month from 9:30AM-12:30PM. If you or a loved one is interested in participating or serving as a volunteer, please contact Ann Rosenzweig at annrosenzweig@aol.com

ONLINE WORSHIP INFORMATION

Worship at Westminster is broadcast live on Facebook directly from the WPC sanctuary beginning at 10:30 am every Sunday morning. To access the livestream, be sure to "Like" the Westminster Presbyterian Church - Dallas Facebook page at www.facebook.com/westminsterpresbyteriandallas. Even if you are not a registered Facebook "user", you should be able to access the live stream by clicking the above link. You can see previously broadcast full worship services and sermons by clicking the "Videos" tab on the Facebook page. Videos of services, sermons, and choral anthems are also available on our YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/@WestminsterPresbyterianDallas>

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